the acquisition of about 200 acres of land in the vicinity of Shillong;

(b) if so, the purpose of the proposed acquisition and the negotiating price per square foot; and

(c) by when the deal is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The North-Eastern Council Secretariat has been acting as nodal point for the acquisition of 200 acres of land for meeting the office and residential requirements of various Central Government departments in Shillong. Land acquisition is done through the Government of Meghalaya. Proposal for 120 acres of land is pending with the State Government. The remaining 80 acres is yet to be identified. The North-Eastern Council Secretariat does not negotiate with the land owners. The price of compensation payable to the land owners is to be fixed by the Government of Meghalaya.

**Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police**

1668. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 800 constables of the Jammu and Kashmir Armed Police, belonging to four battalions, had been absent from duty for about five weeks in May, 1990;

(b) what were the reasons for their absence from duty;

(c) the action taken against the defaulting Armed Police constables;

(d) the preventive steps taken by Government and the outcome thereof so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The information is awaited from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

**Fencing on border with Pakistan**

1669. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total kilometers of fencing erected so far at selected stretches on Rajasthan, Punjab and J & K Border with Pakistan;

(b) the number of persons including smugglers and terrorists intercepted and monetary equivalent of arms and ammunition, gold, Indian and foreign currencies, drugs etc. seized in each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the proposal to impose curfew from dusk to dawn along the entire border is under consideration; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what further steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken to curb the terrorist activities there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Selected stretches totalling 120 Kms. on Indo-Pak border in Punjab and 58.8 Kms. in Rajasthan have been covered by fencing. Additional fencing in stretches totalling 236 Kms. in Punjab has also been sanctioned.

(b) A statement is enclosed.

(c) Curfew is being imposed along the border of Punjab, Rajasthan and J & K from dusk to dawn.